

# Quote

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Our public prints last wk were engaged with the suggestion of an atomic age "Noah's Ark"—a craft to husband some fragment of humanity for a fresh start against the day of disaster.

The whole idea is, of course, a fanciful creation of the press agent's dream world, deserving of serious consideration only as it reflects the fuzziness of our thinking. Prominent Americans were asked to "nominate" candidates for the "Ark" on the basis of their value in re-establishing the human species on a barren earth.

Eliminating a few fanciful contributions, the vote was heavily weighted in favor of elder statesmen, renowned scientists and military leaders, presumably on the assumption that genius begets its like—a conclusion that 4,000 yrs of recorded history has failed to support. When the Fates have need for a leader, they mate 2 plodding pioneers to produce a potential LINCOLN.

With all due respect to the specialized abilities of ALBERT EINSTEIN and INGRID BERGMAN (who topped the list), we'd infinitely prefer to stake humanity's chances for the future on a senior Boy Scout with a woodcrafter's badge and a 4-H gal who can fashion a nifty dress from a discarded feed bag. But in a final analysis, one is tempted toward the conclusion of JIMMY DURANTE. "All I can think of," said the popular comedian, "is a couple of gorillas."

### MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Dr HAROLD C UREY, nuclear physicist: "I hope the H-bomb doesn't work . . . Frankly, I'm scared to death. Sometimes I feel prayer is the only solution, and I wish I had a direct line to the Almighty to ask Him for guidance." 1-Q

Dr THOS H BRIGGS, Teachers College, Columbia Univ, commenting on heavy criticism of American education: "Hunters have to buy licenses, and if lay critics of schools had to buy licenses we might have enough money to run the public schools." 2-Q

Coal miner at Coverdale, Pa: "We went on strike for a new contract, we went hungry for a new contract—and we won. And John L did it for us. He beat the operators and he beat the gov't. He's the winner and still the world's champion." 3-Q

GEO H LOVE, chief of spokesmen, Northern & Western coal operators' group: "We have had a good fight, but we are glad it's over." 4-Q

HERBERT HOOVER, former Pres of U S: "The present financial accounting methods of the U S gov't are based on antiquated concepts of accountability which originated as early as 1776." 5-Q

CHEDOMIR PETROVICH, former Maj Gen'l in Yugoslavian army, now an Iowa farm hand: "I realize that the mkt for gen'ls is not very good. I am therefore going to be the best hired hand I know how to be." 6-Q

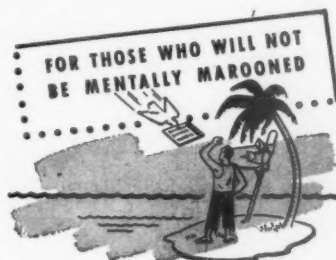
KLEMENT GOTTWALD, Communist pres. of Czechoslovakia: "Until now the Soviet Union has used atomic energy only for peace aims, but who can doubt that in case of need, it will use this energy—and not only this—to repulse any aggressor." 7-Q

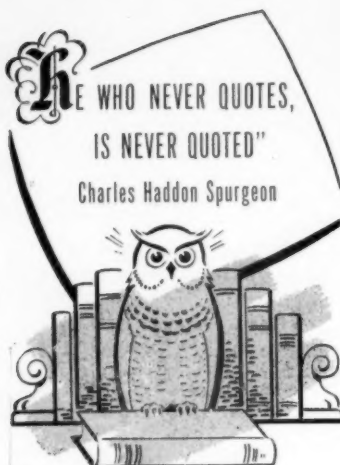
Sen MARGARET CHASE SMITH, of Me: "The Republican party is too formal and stiff—and you can't be uppercrust and hope to get the votes of the people." 8-Q

Rep HOMER D ANGELL, of Ore: "The Democratic administration seems bent on putting 2 tax collectors in every garage." 9-Q

LOUIS JOHNSON, Sec'y of Defense, reviewing European situation: "While Russia has been making satellites, we have been adding partners, and there is the big difference between their ways and ours." 10-Q

DAVID E LILIENTHAL, former chmn U S Atomic Energy Commission: "It doesn't do any good to cuss out John L Lewis or the miners when atomic energy can end the nation's dependence on coal." 11-Q





#### AGE—1

Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.—*Mutual Moments*, hm, Mutual Benefit Health & Accident Ass'n.

#### AVIATION—2

It was discovered in a '48 survey that there was a total of 6,741 corp'n-owned aircraft used exclusively for business purposes. At the end of '49 there was est'd to be about 8,000 such aircraft; this figure includes only the 4-place and larger planes. Three yrs ago there were probably fewer than 2,000 private business aircraft.—NATHANIEL F SILSBEE, "The Airplane As a Business Tool," *Dun's Review*, 2-'50.

#### BUSINESS—3

Now est'd at 3,935,300 business firms, U S businesses have increased by more than 30% in 5 yrs, altho deaths of business firms now are running more than 1/4 higher than births.—*Elks Mag.*

#### CAREER—4

Analyzing what you haven't got as well as what you have is a necessary ingredient of a career.—GRACE MOORE, *Metropolitan Opera Star*, quoted in *Forbes*.

#### CHILDREN—Comics—5

With 1/2 of publishing business getting out comics, psychologist L A Averill says 95% of children surveyed, read and like comic books as "escape," identify selves with heroes.—*Advertising Age*.

#### COURAGE—6

Shaw is on the right track when he declares: "Courage consists in the readiness to sacrifice happiness for an intenser quality of life."—PHILIP CRANE, *Australasian Mfr.*

#### CRITICISM—7

I deeply admired the late Hugh Jennings of baseball fame.

"You ought to have heard Ty Cobb knocking you the other night," one player told him.

Hugh's answer was immediate. "He's out there winning ball games, and the game is the thing. Whether he likes me personally is of no consequence. If you and some of the rest of the boys fought as hard to win as Ty does, I'd just as soon have less of your affection. The more games Ty wins the more of a success I am as a mgr. I don't think Ty does hate me. The only way he can prove that is by not winning games."—MALCOLM BINGAY, *Detroit Free Press*.

#### DEBT—Nat'l—8

If the nat'l debt gets much larger, Pres Truman is going to have to begin his speeches, "Fellow deficitizens." — PAUL HARVEY, radio program.

#### DRINK—Drinking—9

A worker who was a little too fond of beer told his wife and child one morning of the dream he had had. He had seen 4 rats. The 1st was large, fat and sleek, two were very thin, and the last was blind. Neither he nor his wife could find any explanation for the dream but were uneasy for they had heard that rats brought bad luck.

The little boy, however, had an idea. "The big fat one, father, was the tavern keeper on the corner

who gets all your money. The two thin rats represented mother and me. But you yourself were the blind one."—*Le Digeste Francais*, Montreal. (QUOTE translation)

#### EFFICIENCY—10

Recent tests indicate that typists who chew gum while they're working are 17% more efficient than those who don't.—CEDRIC ADAMS, *Minneapolis Star & Tribune*.

#### FAITH—11

Man needs faith. He needs belief as a soil and a solid ground where he may stretch his limbs and rest.—JOSE ORTEGA Y GASSET, Spanish philosopher, teacher, statesman, quoted in *Jnl of Living*.

#### FEAR—12

A friend told me how her 14-yr-old son and his friends take it for granted they will be killed in a 3rd world war—a bacterial and atomic war—before they have had a chance to build either marriage or a lifework. These boys come from homes in which parental influence has been soundly on the side of loving and learning. Yet the mother said, "It is as tho boys of this age are being infected by a kind of Black Death of the spirit. The infection is in the very air. Do what we will, they breathe it in, and they are sick with the disease of feeling nothing is worthwhile, that no effort or plan they make will lead to anything . . ."—BONARO OVERSTREET, "Fears That Scar Society," *Nat'l Parent-Teacher*, 3-'50.

#### FOR'GN AID—13

The total assistance given by Americans to for'gn peoples since war's end may be very simply summarized: Thru the gov't they have given billions; thru the churches they have given millions. In '50, 11¢ of every American tax dollar will be used for this purpose. During the first 6 mo's of '49, 52 voluntary agencies gave \$45 million for overseas service in Europe and Asia. In '48, 20 Prot-

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estant and Orthodox denominations gave \$16 million in cash and 54 million lbs of supplies.—WINIFRED RAUSHENBUSH, "Christian Life Line," *Christian Century*, 2-2-'50.

#### FREEDOM—Religion—14

In Czechoslovakia we can observe what happens when the gov't takes over the Church. In Spain we can observe what happens when the Church takes over the gov't. I do not like either.—Rep GRAHAM A BARDEN, of N C.

#### They say . . .

The Commerce Dep't reports that lawyers, doctors, and dentists, in that order, are the 3 largest professional groups in the U S . . . In recommending wk-end holidays for male prisoners only, the Scottish Council on the Treatment of Prisoners defended its position, declaring: "The dangers of allowing a woman out on parole are much greater and the privilege should not be extended to them." . . . Someone has come up with the information that headaches come in 47 different types . . . When JOAN DAVIS was named the best-dressed woman in radio, DON DORNBROOK overheard her teen age daughter, BEVERLY WILLS of the "Junior Miss" radio program, protest: "It should have been a tie. I wear her clothes all of the time."

#### GIFTS—Giving—15

I was walking in Boston with the late author Daniel Michaels when a beggar put the "touch" on us. Digging in his pocket Michaels held out an assortment of coins ranging from 50¢ downward. The astonished beggar hesitated a moment, then picked a quarter, God-blessing him fervently. Noting my curiosity, Michaels explained, "I always let them choose. It gives them a feeling of self-respect to resist taking the largest piece. And it relieves me of the responsibility of feeling mean. You see, I'd really rather keep the largest for myself!"—E H CHURCH, *Rotarian*.

#### GOVT—16

A gov't should be as self-effacing as possible, but not shrink from responsibility; it should be tact-

ful in presenting its demands to the people. And it should give leadership which reflects public opinion.—*John Bull*. (London)

#### HAPPINESS—17

One doesn't have to have a great deal to be happy, just—someone to love, some work to do, and something to hope for.—ERMA FREESMAN, *Manhattan* (Kans) *Mercury-Chronicle*.

#### INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—18

The "plague o' both your houses" mood which envelops a discouragingly large part of the world is bitter testimony to the fact that on the moral and spiritual level, the U S does not rate much higher in world opinion than does the Soviet Union.—*Progressive*.

#### JEWS—Occupation—19

For Jews the world over in '38, an occupational distribution shows 38% engaged in trade and transport, 36% in industry and handicrafts, 7.7% in public services and independent professions, 3% in agriculture, with the rest divided among casual labor, domestic service, pensioned and independent persons, and other occupations.—ARTHUR RUPPIN, *Jewish Fate and Future*. (Macmillan)

#### LABOR—20

The speaker, a little out of his depth on internat'l questions, had been asked, during the question period, the difference between British and American labor. After a moment's pause the answer came. "Well, in England, as I understand it, it's spelled with a 'u'."—*Christian Science Monitor*.

#### LANGUAGE—21

Today, language which no neighbor would use to another, except from behind a barricade, is accepted in all the for'gn offices of the world as a mere singing telegram.—H I PHILLIPS, *St Louis Globe-Democrat*.

#### LEADERSHIP—22

Leaders are persons with loud voices, long arms and legs, active elbows, and a determination to stay in front. — *Nuggets*, hm. Barnes-Ross Co.

#### LENT—23

Lent is the penitential season . . . a time when men once put on hair shirts, sacrificing any hope of bodily ease for 40 days. G K

Chesterton once said that St Thos A Becket wore a hair shirt under his purple, so that people might have the benefit of his purple and he might have the benefit of penance.—MSGR FULTON J SHEEN, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.



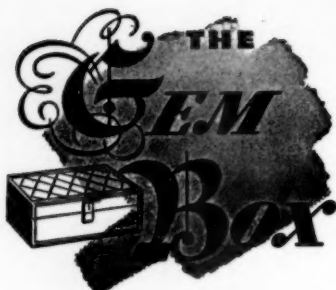
One hundred and seventy-five yrs ago (Mar 22, 1775) a learned and temperate Englishman made a speech in the British Parliament which, had it been heeded rather than hooted, might have affected profoundly the course of the world.

The speaker was the eloquent EDMUND BURKE; his subject, *Conciliation With the American Colonies*. In his defense of the American position BURKE stood almost alone. On this, perhaps the most important oration of his life, he worked almost continuously for a fortnight.

"The proposition is peace," said BURKE. "Not peace thru the medium of war; not peace to be hunted thru the labyrinth of intricate and endless negotiations . . . I propose by removing the ground of the difference, and by restoring the former unsuspecting confidence of the Colonies in the Mother Country, to give permanent satisfaction to your people, and — far from a scheme of ruling by discord—to reconcile them to each other in the same act, and by the bond of the very same interest which reconciles them to British gov't."

"My idea is nothing more. Refined policy ever has been the parent of confusion, and ever will be so, as long as the world endures. Plain good intention, which is as easily discovered at the 1st view as fraud is surely detected at last, is, let me say, of no mean force in the gov't of mankind. Genuine simplicity of heart is a healing and cementing principle."

But the British Lords were firmly resolved to push their program of taxes. Twenty-eight days later came the battle of Lexington. The Revolutionary War was on!



#### Modern Atomic Alphabet

- A** is for Atom, here before Eve.  
**B** is the Bomb that someone may heave.  
**C** is the Cost, mounting sky high,  
**D** for Defense, and Do it, or Die.  
**E** is for Einstein, who pointed the way.  
**F** is for Fission, and Fusion, let's say.  
**G** is for Greedy aggressor, the cad.  
**H** is for Hydrogen—and it can be bad.  
**I** is for Infamous backstage Intrigue,  
**J** the Joint chiefs, so firm in their league.  
**K** the K-rations that may come again,  
**L** for the Lag in the plans of good men.  
**M** is for Matter and such tricky fluff,  
**N** for National interest stuff.  
**O** is to Outlaw suicide schemes.  
**P** is for Physics which tells what it means.  
**Q** is the Question of where we will go.  
**R** are the Russians and what they may know.  
**S** is for Science, with us in its hand,  
**T** is for Truman who heads up this land.  
**U** for Uranium and UN and such.  
**V** for the Victory that gained us not much.  
**W's** the Warning on dragon's teeth sown,  
**X, Y and Z** are factors unknown.  
 —*Birmingham News-Age-Herald.*

#### MARRIED LIFE—24

Wives are like umpires; they make the decisions and they don't think you're safe when you are out. — *Locomotive*, hm, Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection & Ins Co.

#### MATERIALISM—25

It is a paradoxical thing, but our culture which has produced the most amazing mat'l civilization that the world has ever seen, has done so counter to the poses of a tradition that has pretended most bitterly to hate the mat'l world. — *WESTON LABARRE, N C Public Welfare News.*

#### MERCHANDISING—26

Women buy 52% of goods for home; men, 30%; together, 14%; children, 4%. Illinois Univ surveys believe men are doing more mkt'g because of shorter work wk and more women working out. — *Tide.*

#### MONEY—27

Money is like an arm or a leg—use it or lose it. — *HENRY FORD, American industrialist.*

#### OPINION—28

Some who air their views only prove how badly they need airing. — *Wall St Jnl.*

#### ORIGIN: "Villain"—29

Originally a villain was a farmer, one attached to a villa or a farm. Later, the word came to mean a rough, powerful fellow. The next meaning of villain was rascal, and now it means a polished, sinister wrong-doer. — *Reformatory Pillar.*

#### PATIENCE—30

Have patience, and the mulberry leaf will become satin. — *Spanish proverb.*

#### POLITICS—Women—31

Women are not sufficiently represented in politics or gov't. If politics is the art of gov't—and it is—and if gov't is public housekeeping—and it is—then women's place, quite logically, is in politics. — *MARY DONLON, chmn, N Y State Women's Compensation Bd, Vital Speeches.*

#### POWER—32

Power intoxicates men. When a man is intoxicated by alcohol he can recover, but when intoxicated by power he seldom recovers. — *JAS F BYRNES, former Sec'y of State, quoted in Irish Digest. (Eire)*

#### PRAYER—33

A sincere and earnest layman had an unfortunate habit of bel-lowing, especially when he prayed in public. After one of his loud prayers, during which the rafters

almost vibrated, a little girl whispered to her father: "Don't you think if he lived nearer to God he would not have to talk so loud?" — *Arkansas Baptist.*

#### PROGRESS—34

The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it. — *Times Pictorial.*

#### PSYCHIATRY—35

If psychiatry had existed in the beginning of the 19th century, perhaps Gen Aupick would have put his step-son (Baudelaire) in the hands of a psychoanalyst who would have been able to understand and straighten out his warped mind, and to enlighten him about his complexes and his inhibitions. Undoubtedly the young man would have mended his ways, passed the Ecole des Chartes entrance exams, and become an excellent civil servant, writing a few verses in his moments of leisure, and the world would have lost one of its greatest poets. — *ANDRE BOURGEOIS, Rice Inst Pamphlet, quoted in Books Abroad.*

#### RELIGION—36

Religion is like the fashion. One man wears his doublet slashed, another laced, another plain, but every man has a doublet. So every man has a religion. We differ about trimming. — *JOHN SELDEN, English jurist, quoted in Ladies' Home Jnl.*

#### REPENTANCE—37

Repentance is the soul's cobbler; but it never makes the shoe fit quite so neatly as it did before. — *Armour Star.*

#### SALESMANSHIP—38

Using \$100 as a base figure for a salesman of 20, the salesman of 30 sells \$102.04; the salesman of 40 sells \$107.38; the salesman of 50 sells \$108.78. — *Exec Edition of Retailing.*

#### SCIENCE—39

We are just in the kindergarten of uncovering things and there is no down curve in science. — *CHAS F KETTERING, research consultant.*

#### SECURITY—40

The trouble with worrying so much about your "security" in the future is that you feel so insecure in the present. — *HARLAN MILLER, Des Moines Register.*





# GOOD STORIES

## You Can Use

A peasant had 4 sons. Three were celebrities in Russia—a writer, a cartoonist, and a press photographer. "You must be very proud and happy," a friend said to the old man, "with 3 such successful sons."

"Oh, but consider the 4th," the peasant repl'd. "He lives in the U S. He's unemployed."

"Oh, dear," the friend commiserated, "how sad, how terrible!"

"What do you mean?" cried the peasant. "There's nothing terrible about it. Without his help I'd have starved to death long ago!"—*Central Calif Register*.

*A gentleman is a man who holds the door open for his wife while she carries in a load of groceries.*—3-M Megaphone, hm, Minn Mining & Mfr'g Co.

The efforts of Jas A Farley to promote Coca-Cola in France's wine country have been met in some quarters with at least one *bon mot*. One gourmet observed, "He is trying to Coca-colonize France."—*N Y Times Mag*.

*When the 2nd man appeared on earth, the rights of the 1st were cut in half. Now divide yours by the total population and that explains everything.*—Aftenposten. (Oslo)

One of the oldest Tex stories, dating back probably a hundred yrs, is of an early day booster who wrote to an influential friend back East dilating upon the manifold beauties and wonders of the region, and closing with the observation: "All Tex needs is more water and a little better class of people."

To which the friend repl'd: "Why man, that's all hell needs!"—*STANLEY WALKER, Harper's Mag*.

Lord Kitchener was an injured celibate. In Egypt, one of his officers asked for permission to return to England to be married. "The service requires that you stay here one more yr," said Kitchener. "At the end of that time, however, if you still wish to

### I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

Mrs Ros't Frost

I suggested to my 8-yr-old son that he give up something for Lent, something that would really hurt, like candy. The boy hesitated, and then asked me what his dad and I were giving up. I repl'd, "Liquor." The boy objected, "Before dinner I saw you and daddy drinking something." "That was wine," I ans'd. "We gave up hard liquor." The boy thought for a while and then said, "Well, I think I'll give up hard candy."—*Times-Picayune New Orleans States*.

be married I shall grant you permission to return."

The yr passed and the young officer again came to Kitchener with the same request. "What!" cried the latter, "after having thought about it for a yr you still want to be married?"

"Yes, sir."

"Very well. Here's written permission. But really, my friend, you are a fine example of masculine constancy."

The officer walked to the door, then turned and said, "Thank you, sir, but I'm not marrying the same woman I planned on last yr."—*Le Digeste Francais*, Montreal. (Quote translation)

*Ocean: Huge body of water surrounded entirely by rumors of everlasting peace.*—Philnews, Phillips Petroleum Co.

The teacher had written 92.7 on the blackboard and, to show the effect of multiplying by 10, rubbed out the decimal point. She then turned to the class and said: "Now, Alfred, where is the decimal point?"

Alfred repl'd, without hesitation, "On the eraser."—*Onward*.

New Mex had just been admitted to the Union, and the 1st court session opened in the new state. The frontier judge, a grizzled old

former Indian fighter and cowboy, took his place on the bench.

The 1st case charged a man with horse-stealing. After much faltering and hitching, the wheels of the law began turning slowly and the plaintiff and his witnesses were heard.

"Now, Judge, Your Honor," said the att'y for the defendant, "I would like to present my client's side of the case."

The old judge squirted a stream of tobacco juice at the stove, cleared his throat and said, "'Twon't be wuth while. It'd only confuse the jury!"—*FRANK BARNES, True*.

*A married man is a fellow who's been penalized for holding.*—*BOS HAWK*, radio program.

The medical officer was testing the water supply.

"What precautions do you take against infection?" he asked the sgt-in-charge.

"We boil it first, sir," the sgt repl'd.

"Good!"

"Then we filter it."

"Excellent!"

"And then," said the sgt, "just for safety's sake, we drink beer."—*Outspan*. (S Africa)

"Cats, my dear," said the spinster. "I hate the very sight of them. I had a sweet little canary, and some cat got that. I had a perfect parrot and some cat got that. I had an adorable fiancé and—Oh, don't mention cats to me!"—*Mis-a-Sip*.

A leading light of an English medical school wrote on the blackboard in his lab: "Prof Jones informs his students that he has this day been appointed honorary physician to the King."

In the course of the morning he left the room. Upon returning he found a student had added these words: "God save the King!"—*Townsend Nat'l Wkly*.

Fannie Brice watched Esther Williams, the swimmer, doing a scene in an MGM movie. "Would you say Esther Williams is a star?" Miss Brice was asked. She repl'd, "Wet, she's a star. Dry, she ain't." —LEONARD LYONS, *Argosy*. J

In 1770 the British Parliament passed a law against obtaining husbands by false pretense, that read as follows:

"That all women of whatever age, rank, profession, or degree, who shall after this act, impose upon, or seduce and betray into matrimony any of his majesty's male subjects, by virtue of scents, paints, cosmetics, artificial teeth, false hair, Spanish wool, iron stays, bolstered hips, or high heeled shoes, shall incur the penalty of the law now in force against witchcraft and like misdemeanors, and the marriage under such circumstances shall be null and void." — *Houston Altrusa Club Bulletin*. k

One evening, a lady, who shall be nameless, attended a dinner where Mme Chiang Kai-Shek was to be the principal speaker. All thru the meal the lady was pestering Mme Chiang, insisted on talking to her in pidgin English.

"You likee country?"

Mme Chiang ignored the woman. "You likee dinner?"

Still Mme Chiang ignored her. Later she rose to deliver her speech in her best Wellesley English. Finally she sat down. She turned to the woman and grinned: "You likee speech?" —HARRY HERSHFIELD, *World Digest*. (London) l

"Stomachs shouldn't be waist baskets." —P K THOMAJAN, *Phoenix Flame*, hm, *Phoenix Metal Cap Co*.

At a solemn ceremony on a collective farm a young Stakhanovite girl who had overfulfilled her quota was to be presented with a magnificent prize. She mounted the platform and stood in eager anticipation before the delegate of the Moscow gov't. The delegate

embraced the girl, opened his briefcase, extracted a bulky pkg, and said: "My dear, here is a wonderful prize for your patriotic achievement. I proudly present you with the 8th vol of the Collected Works of our great and beloved leader, Stalin!"

Complete silence ensued in the hall, then a loud whisper broke the stillness: "Serves her right, the stinker!" —*Plain Talk*. m

"Income tax has made more liars out of the American people than golf has." —WILL ROGERS, *American Humorist*.

The pupils were asked to construct a sentence containing the word "amphibious." The son of a fisherman gave out the following: "Most fish stories am fibious." —*Christian Observer*. n

Three pro football players were sitting on the bench exchanging yarns about how they happened to leave school and take up professional playing.

"In my senior yr at Yale," said the 1st player, "they made me take calculus. I just couldn't make head nor tail of it, so they threw me out on my ear."

"That's the way it was at Mich," said the 2nd man. "In my junior yr I had to take advanced trigonometry, and I wasn't able to understand a thing, so out I went."

Then the U C L A man spoke up. "Say, did you fellows ever run across a subject called long division?" —*Wall St Jnl*. o

"Alcohol: A liquid for preserving almost anything but secrets." —*Outdoor Ind*.

A Tory candidate during the recent English election campaign was speaking when he was interrupted by a socialist in the audience with:

"Why have we the finest generation of children ever known in this country?"

Retorted heckler number 2 from the back of the hall: "Because they were produced by private enterprise!" —*Minneapolis Tribune*. p



**COMMUNICATION:** New device for sending spoken words along beam of invisible light has been announced by Northwestern Univ scientists. System can be used between ships at sea and between planes and ground without fear of enemy interception. (*Grit*)

**FOOD:** A new variety of potato, packed with vitamin C, has been developed in a Fed'l Gov't lab. May be capable of doubling our supply of the valuable vitamin which prevents scurvy. (*Sat Review of Literature*)

**LAWNMOWER:** New lawnmower cuts manual labor down by 60%. Main feature is cutting reel consisting of series of small blades which make it possible to cut wet grass and weeds 8 in's high without their winding around the shaft or clogging the blades. (*McCall's*)

**MANUFACTURING:** Assembly line production quality can now be controlled by a push-button gadget perfected by Gen'l Electric. Device uses a photo-electric eye and an electro-mechanical calculator which spot sub-standard workmanship and indicate the defective work by a flashing red light. (*Townsend Nat'l Wkly*)

**TILE:** Fluid tile — coating for walls, floors, woodwork, indoors and out—gives appearance and feel of tile. Said to cover surface imperfections, hide even darkest colors in single coat. Fourteen colors available. (*American Mag*)

**VENTILATING:** Complete automatic window not only opens and shuts by electricity, but alternates positions with a screen. Just flip a switch and the window rises, disappears into wall. At same time, screen moves down into place. Another flip, and process is reversed. (*I N S*)

# Quote CALENDAR

March 19-25—Nat'l Wildlife Restoration Wk

March 20-26—Nat'l Boys' Club Wk

March 19  
1813—<sup>b</sup> David Livingstone, Scottish missionary, explorer  
1847—<sup>b</sup> Albert P Ryder, American artist  
1860—<sup>b</sup> Wm Jennings Bryan, American orator  
1907—<sup>d</sup> Thos Bailey Aldrich, American author, editor  
1930—<sup>d</sup> Sir Arthur Jas Balfour, British statesman, author

March 20  
1727—<sup>d</sup> Sir Isaac Newton, English philosopher  
1828—<sup>d</sup> Hendrik Ibsen, Norwegian dramatist  
1834—<sup>b</sup> Chas W Eliot, American educator  
1890—<sup>b</sup> Lauritz Melchior, Danish-born operatic tenor  
1929—<sup>d</sup> Marshal Ferdinand Foch, French gen'l, supreme comdr of Allied Forces on Western Front, World War I

March 21  
1685—<sup>b</sup> Johann Sebastian Bach, German composer  
1763—<sup>b</sup> Jean Paul Richter, German philosopher, author  
1843—<sup>d</sup> Rob't Southey, English poet  
1871—Stanley started into Africa to hunt for Livingstone

March 22  
1598—<sup>b</sup> Sir Anthony Van Dyck, Flemish artist  
1775—<sup>b</sup> Edmund Burke addressed British Parliament on "Conciliation with American Colonies"  
1820—<sup>d</sup> Stephen Decatur, American naval comdr  
1832—<sup>d</sup> Johann Von Goethe, German poet, dramatist, statesman

March 23  
1699—<sup>b</sup> John Bartram, American botanist  
1775—<sup>b</sup> Patrick Henry's "Liberty or Death" speech  
1890—<sup>b</sup> Louis Adamic, Yugoslavian-born American author  
1950—Motion Picture Academy Award

March 24  
1603—<sup>d</sup> Elizabeth, Queen of England  
1754—<sup>b</sup> Joel Barlow, American poet, politician  
1882—Koch isolated tuberculosis germ  
1882—<sup>d</sup> Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet  
1905—<sup>d</sup> Jules Verne, French novelist  
1909—<sup>d</sup> John Millington Synge, Irish dramatist

March 25  
1850—<sup>b</sup> Edw Bellamy, American author, social reformer  
1867—<sup>b</sup> Arturo Toscanini, Italian orchestral conductor

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## ARTHUR JAS BALFOUR\*

Our whole political mach'y pre-supposes a people so fundamentally at one that they can safely afford to bicker.

## JOHN BARTRAM\*

John Bartram, 1st great American botanist, died of fright on Sept 22, 1777—when he heard

that the British were advancing on Philadelphia and might destroy his beloved gardens. — *Omaha World-Herald*.

## WM JENNINGS BRYAN\*

Wm Jennings Bryan once gave this brilliant toast to water, after refusing wine at a dinner given in his honor:

"A daily need for every living thing. It rises from the earth obedient to the summons of the sun, and descends in showers of blessings. It gives of its beauty to the fragrant flowers; it is the alchemy that transmutes base clay to golden grain. It is the canvas on which the finger of the infinite traces the radiant bow of promise. It is the drink that cheers, and brings no sorrow. Jehovah, upon Creation's dawn, said, 'It is good.'"—*Rays of Sunshine*.

## CHAS W ELIOT\*

Dr Eliot used to tell this story on himself: "When I was elected pres of Harvard, I was only 35 yrs old, and I suppose I did appear to be very dignified if not a little stilted. As I walked across the yard the students would point me out and say, 'There goes old Eliot.' But now that I am 75, they look at me and say, 'There goes Charlie.'"—EDITH JOHNSON, *Daily Oklahoman*.

## FERDINAND FOCH\*

In a dispatch to Joffre in '14 Marshal Foch reported: "Outflanked on the right; outflanked on the left. Situation on the whole excellent—am going to advance."

## JOHANN VON GOETHE\*

Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.

## PATRICK HENRY\*

Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty or give me death.

## DAVID LIVINGSTONE\*

A certain society in S Africa wrote to David Livingstone: "Have you found a good road to where you are? If so, we want to know

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how to send other men to join you." Livingstone repl'd, "If you have men who will come only if they know there is a good road, I don't want them. I want men who will come if there is no road at all."—WALTER L MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

## LAURITZ MELCHIOR\*

Melchior's severest test in his early yrs came while he was singing for pay at a funeral. He had decided to sing a song by Grieg ending "the angel touched your forehead with a palm leaf," a lyric which sent a wave of titters thru the lines of mourners. The deceased, Melchior later discovered, had made his exit from this vale after a companion had touched his forehead with a beer bottle.—FRANK DE BLOIS, *Parade*.

## JEAN PAUL RICHTER\*

Do not wait for extraordinary circumstances to do good actions; try to use ordinary situations.

## ROBT SOUTHEY\*

How little do they see what is, who frame their hasty judgment upon that which seems.



